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EDITORIAL



Amateur Operator's Certificate of Proficiency

The aim of the majority of persons interested in Amateur Radio is to obtain an Amateur Operator's Certificate of Proficiency, be they young or old.

The fascination of Amateur Radio as a hobby is intense. Its appeal is stronger than the Lorelei, and in some instances has the same disastrous results, therefore it behoves each of its adherents to temper the hobby with moderation. Make it your hobby not your MASTER.

The return and enjoyment you receive from being an Amateur is like all other hobbies. It depends on how much you put into it, not so much the financial side, but your interest and activities in the administrative and social affairs.

To obtain that coveted A.O.C.P. study is necessary, whether be it at home, one of the Institute's Divisional Classes, a local Radio Club, or a Commercial College.

In the case of group instruction you receive only a limited number of hours tuition, whereas during the duration of the course you will realize that the total number of hours involved amount to so many days or weeks full time. Say to yourself, "Am I capable of absorbing and retaining the knowledge contained in this short space of time?" If the answer is NO, you should now realize that home study to supplement the group instruction is essential, therefore, your course along those lines. Self discipline is a MUST if you expect to be successful.

The Ham fraternity is world wide and no matter where you travel the same cordial welcome awaits you.

A visit to any of the local Ham shacks will give you an insight into the Amateur bands, antenna and maintains his station equipment. Your interesting visit may begin a very fine friendship, the help of which could guide your future progress along the "Road to Hamdom" and assist you to reach your goal—the A.O.C.P. and Station Licence."

The examination for an Amateur Operator's Certificate of Proficiency is conducted by the Wireless Branch of the Postmaster General's Department on the second Tuesday of the months of January, April, July, and October of each year.

The examination is divided into three sections, viz.:—

(1) The transmission and reception of morse code at a speed of 14 words per minute.

(2) Regulations as laid down in the "Handbook for the Guidance of Amateur Station Licensees" issued by the P.M.G.'s. Department.

(3) Elementary knowledge of the theory and principles of transmission and reception of radio.

Since World War II, the Amateur has been licensed to use new techniques in the fields of transmission and reception. This privilege calls for the use of equipment of a design entirely new to the average Amateur. The P.M.G.'s. Department therefore has decided that each new amateur licensee shall have a very elementary knowledge of these subjects. Likewise the syllabus of lectures for A.O.C.P. Students has been enlarged to cover the following subjects:—

(1) Frequency and Phase Modulation (n.b.f.m., p.m.).

(2) Pulse Transmissions,

(3) Single Sideband Reduced Carrier (s.s.r.c. or s.s.b.c.).

Morse code is something you cannot learn merely by reading a book. All reading will give you the basic idea of the code and how to learn it. To become proficient it requires proper tuition and plenty of practice.

The most satisfactory system of teaching morse code is where the characters are sent at approximately 16 words per minute, but the spacing between characters is long. As the student progresses his speed is reduced until the practice messages or cipher groups are sent at the speed of 16 words per minute. During the period of tuition the student has to learn to recognize the rhythm and feel of the code. At 16 words per minute, therefore, as the spacing is reduced he has little difficulty in increasing his speed.

Summarizing the foregoing, it is very evident that time must be made available each day for study purposes. Make this rule and adhere to it strictly. Nothing is harder to break than a habit, so create a habit of studying. Piecemeal attempts at study may eventually get you your "Ticket" — but you may be too old to enjoy being a Ham for long.

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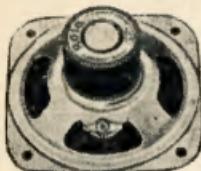
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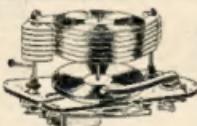


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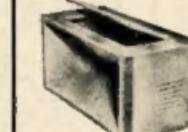
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HOW TO USE DRY RECTIFIERS

BY HANS J. ALBRECHT,* VK3AHH

Dry Rectifiers of all sizes and types are now available in surplus shops. It is often not realised what highly valuable components can thus be obtained at a reasonable price. And, on the other hand, rectifiers of this kind have advantages compared with the ordinary valve rectifiers. The following information should help the Ham who wants to use them in a proper way.

HOW A DRY RECTIFIER WORKS

The fundamental principle as discovered by Braun, 1874, holds for all types of dry rectifiers, including crystal diodes which are, however, not dealt with in this article.

Some metals touching a semiconductor produce at the point of contact a resistance which depends upon the direction of the current flowing through that contact, i.e., a high resistance (about 100,000 ohms) exists in one direction and a low resistance (in the order of 5 ohms) in the other one. Such a contact can therefore be used for rectification of an alternating current.

There are quite a number of possible pairs of metals and semi-conductors, but the following two combinations are most commonly used:-

- Iron (metal)—Selenium (semi-conductor).
- Copper (metal)—Cuprous Oxide (semi-conductor).

They are called selenium rectifiers and copper oxide rectifiers, respectively.

The principle is illustrated by Fig. 1 where M represents the metal, S the semi-conductor, and C the counter-electrode. Such a single unit is called a "cell".

Fig. 1.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

The actual rectifier consists of a number of cells connected in series. For any calculation regarding the use of those rectifiers always remember—

- Voltage to be rectified depends upon the **number** of cells connected in series.
- Current to be rectified depends upon the **cross-section** of the plates.

The maximum current depends upon the heat developed in the cell. Dry rectifiers work usually with better efficiency at higher temperatures, but as just mentioned, temperatures must not exceed the data given, so that a safe action and finally the life of the rectifier is not endangered. It is natural that a rectifier mounted in a free position, e.g., on the chassis, can stand more current than one inside the chassis.

The maximum current density is usually about 50 Ma. per square-centimeter, i.e. 320 Ma. per square-inch.

The temperature of a single cell should not exceed 50°C., i.e. 122°F.

In practice dry rectifiers can be over-loaded and even short-circuited for a short period, for the increase in temperature follows only slowly.

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The single selenium cell can rectify up to 15 volts, but breaks down at 16 volts. For that reason it is usual practice to operate a rectifier of such a kind with about 13 volts per cell. A copper oxide cell is capable of rectifying no more than about 28 volts.

All dry rectifiers have an infinite lifetime if the maximum data given are not exceeded. The only thing which can happen after some thousand hours of operation is an increase in the internal resistance, but mostly there is no noticeable change in efficiency even after a much longer period.

Usually a selenium rectifier is safer regarding long periods of operation, while copper oxide rectifiers may produce some head-aches after some years. As an example, one particular selenium rectifier for 300 volts and 500 Ma. has been used by the writer since 1947 and still operates very well connected in series with a similar one for rectification of the transmitter's power supply (750 volts at 100 Ma).

The efficiency of a dry rectifier depends upon the load as illustrated in Fig. 2.

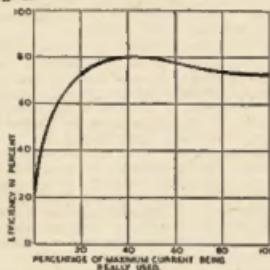


Fig. 2.

PRACTICAL USE

You can use the dry rectifier wherever you would use an ordinary valve rectifier. The advantages of the former are:-

- (1) Unlimited time of operation;
- (2) No filament requirements;
- (3) Good efficiency;
- (4) Insensibility to rough mechanical or electrical treatment.

One disadvantage must be mentioned. The ripple voltage is slightly larger than that of an ordinary valve rectifier because a very small current flows in the direction of high resistance. This can easily be overcome by a small increase in filter capacity or filter inductance.

It is always advisable to by-pass the dry rectifier for r.f., e.g. by a condenser of about 0.1 to 0.001 μ F. The condenser is not shown in the circuit diagrams.

Fig. 3 shows the simplest high-tension power supply without transformer. Half-wave rectification is obtained.

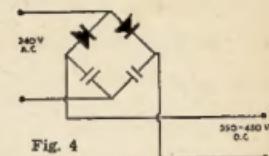


Fig. 4

Fig. 4 gives the circuit of the voltage-doubler method using dry rectifiers. Again a transformer has not necessarily to be used; the filter circuit is not shown.

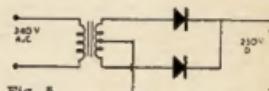


Fig. 5

Fig. 5 shows the well-known full-wave rectification with dry rectifiers. The filter circuit is not shown.

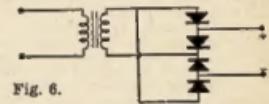


Fig. 6

Fig. 6 shows dry rectifiers in bridge circuit used for charging batteries. The secondary winding of the transformer has to supply a voltage which is slightly higher than the d.c. voltage wanted.

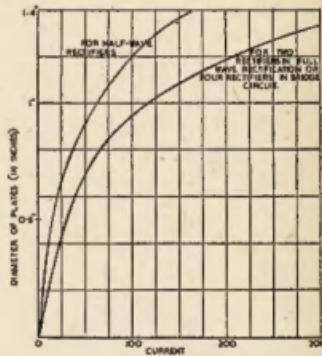


Fig. 7.

The graphs in Figs. 7 and 8 are based upon experience and may serve as a guide for anyone who intends to use dry rectifiers. They show the diameter of the plates (in inches) against the current.

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Part viii. Continued—

Interference, and How the Hams Can Check It

BY KEN WALL† AND JOHN JARMAN,* VK3ADA

Awakening from our day-dream, we now begin to wonder why this subject should even concern a VK, when we have no television service in this country.

Now this is just where we have the advantage. Prevention is better than cure and the time that elapsed before the opening of Australia's first television station will give the Ham an ideal opportunity to not only "smarten up" his own transmitter, but also help to eliminate other forms of interference in his location. This will be a long job, and the time to start, believe it or otherwise, is right now!

But what can be done at this stage? How can one even tell whether his transmitter will cause interference? Now the ideal test would be to build a small television receiver and install it complete with aerial system close to the Ham shack. The circuits and building constructions for such receivers are published in some magazines, and probably many readers have already attempted building them. Although this scheme is very educational, however, we appreciate that it's beyond the means of most Hams, so this simpler scheme is suggested:

Our aim is to eliminate spurious emissions, on frequencies within the television band, viz., 180-204 Mc. Suppose we build, borrow, or otherwise acquire a v.h.f. receiver to cover this band, or at least, a substantial portion thereof. If our rig is giving out signals in this band, it should surely detect them. With our test receiver installed close to the Ham shack, set at maximum sensitivity, and using the best available aerial system, an assistant is now engaged to carefully tune this receiver over its entire range, while test transmissions are made on our rig.

Admittedly, this test may not be completely infallible, since there are some emissions which will affect a television receiver, but which may not produce any audible output in our test receiver. This test will, however, show up the worst part of the trouble and in any case, if the rig under test produces an audible signal, it's a sure bet that it will also cause t.v.i. and the precautions taken to eliminate the emissions causing this audible output will usually also eliminate those which the test receiver cannot detect. Using this same receiver, we can now test each domestic electrical appliance in the same way, not forgetting the car or motor cycle.

Finally comes the question of other interference in the locality. Listening watches should be kept regularly and all audible interference carefully tabulated, noting for each noise the time

of day, frequencies where heard, repetition frequency (where applicable) and if possible, a description of the nature of the sound.

Note, by the way, that this test can be performed by any reader even if he is not a licensed Ham, since it involves listening only and no transmission.

The actual location of each source of interference may involve quite a lot of inquiries, and general investigation around the district. True enough, the Ham has no authority to forbid people to use interfering appliances, but is it any offence to politely remind them that they have appliances needing repair. A little tactful explanation will bring the co-operation of a surprising majority, and the remainder will change their tune in their own interests when television is established.

A directional aerial system will naturally help in locating these sources of interference, and some enthusiastic readers may even be contemplating using portable v.h.f. receivers.

No inquiries should be made, however, until the same interference has been logged for several days. From the information obtained, an attempt should first be made to predict what type of device is responsible and the probable owner contacted. This should be done while the interference is in progress, and the owner requested to temporarily switch the appliance off, or alternatively, notify by telephone when it is switched off. A careful record should be kept of all sources of interference in the locality, preferably on a sketch map, for future reference.

So much for locating the interference. How can it be corrected? Well, as for electrical appliances, different devices require different treatment, and are best dealt with by a licensed electrician, who should be familiar with the appropriate methods, in co-operation with the Ham who will check this electrician's results, with his v.h.f. receiver.

We are chiefly concerned, however, with the elimination of spurious emissions from our own transmitter. Now this is largely a matter of individual experiment, but the following hints may be helpful.

First of all ascertain whether the emissions are harmonics or parasitics, by noting their frequencies. If harmonics, follow the sequence to find out where they are being generated.

- Disconnect the plate voltage from the output stage. If the same emission still persists, go back stage by stage, until the offending circuit is found. Subsequently, the offending component can be isolated.

- On the other hand, if the interference disappears, when the output stage is made inoperative, disconnect the aerial and tune up on a dummy load. If the emission disappears, the aerial

system must be dealt with, and suitable stubs in the feed line will often do the trick.

- If the emission persists, try shielding the dummy load.

Next look for other "channels" for radiation. Using a suitable detector, test for r.f. on the power lines, h.t. leads, panel leads, etc. Remember around 200 Mc. even a very short lead makes an effective radiator.

It should be noted that harmonics can not always be completely eliminated, but they must be sufficiently attenuated to prevent t.v.i.

Now parasites, on the other hand, can be eliminated completely, and their causes can usually be traced if each stage be tested as follows:

1. Remove plate power from all stages and remove filament power from all except the stage being tested.
2. Temporarily apply plate voltage to this stage, having first increased the negative bias for safety, if necessary.
3. Test for parasites by either grid current, a neon-bulb indicator (applied to each terminal of valve), or abnormal plate current (compare with data sheets).

Beware also of cases where spurious oscillations momentarily occur only when transmitter is keyed or modulated. The shape of keying impulses requires close attention. Each dot or dash (if graphed) should have a sloping leading and trailing edge, with a reasonably rounded top.

In all cases, however, the actual cure for the trouble will be a matter of individual experiment, different transmitters requiring different treatment. Many rigs will require complete re-building, and a certain quality which has hitherto been a feature of most experimental transmitters, namely, accessibility, will often have to be sacrificed. In other words, it is seldom possible to build a transmitter that won't cause t.v.i., but still keep its components accessible for modification, as we like to do.

Disheartening as this sounds, however, it is purely a sign of progress and will probably result in the production of much better quality Ham transmitters, just like the time when our "fore-runners" had to "dice" their robust spark transmitters for more precise equipment.

Some valuable hints on prevention of t.v.i. should be available from our American colleagues and here's where our DX enthusiasts can help. Those who obtain any useful tips on the subject should arrange with the Technical Editor of this magazine to have them published.

We see, therefore, that the prevention of t.v.i. is not just a matter of individual care, but demands a coordinated effort, necessitating the utmost co-operation between Hams themselves, and mutual understanding between Hams and the general public.

It should now be apparent why so much theory was covered in the series, before the actual subject of interference was dealt with. In short, one cannot cure

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t.v.i. without first knowing how a television set works.

It must be emphasised, however, that television is making very rapid progress and even while these articles were awaiting publication, further important developments have been made. For this reason this series has been intentionally written to deal with only the basic principles which would not appreciably change, as television progressed, with the intention of helping the Ham to understand the more advanced television articles published frequently in current magazines.

Readers should take every opportunity to study this literature, and keep up to date with television's latest developments.

Photographs of the patterns produced by the various forms of interference are quite often published, and it is not a bad plan to keep these photos filed for future reference.

Remember, the Ham can't learn too much about television.

One final tip: If you must transmit during television programmes, use only a rig that has been previously tested, and proved free from interfering emissions. If you suspect your rig of causing between television programmes, using the latter periods for maintenance, etc.

The same applies of course to any electrical appliance and as far as practicable to any motor vehicle that causes t.v.i. Next month our final instalment will deal with colour television. Meanwhile, put this article in a safe place for future reference, and keep those queries rolling in to VK3ADA.

HOW TO USE DRY RECTIFIERS

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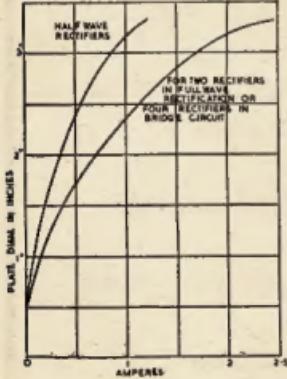


Fig. 8.

The theoretical side of dry rectification has been purposely neglected in this article. If the general interest exists, the writer will always be pleased to deal with it in a further article. Furthermore, the writer will be glad to supply any further information on dry rectifiers, if possible.

THE 8PO AERIAL

Here is a comment from G6CJ on the article by VK3BG on the 8PO aerial. We feel his finding and opinions on this matter are sufficiently illuminating to readers to warrant its inclusion in the magazine.

In the January, 1952, issue of "Amateur Radio," VK3BG has probably come as near as matters to a working specification of the 8PO aerial. The theory of it is quite simple, up to a point; all you have to do is to get equal currents in the correct relative phase in the two radiators, and it cannot fail.

It is the complex feeder adjustments necessary to produce this state of affairs coupled with the fact that people so seldom stick to working instructions, which have caused so much argument and so much disappointment.

The feed problem is always complex when two coupled aerials are in some arbitrary phase relation, and not zero or half-cycle. In the 8PO the phase is 3/8 cycle, and if you calculate the impedances of the two elements you find they are unequal, that is to say, the two wires do not contribute equally to the radiation. In theory they come to about 30 and 25 ohms; in practice, allowing for surroundings, they may have other values, and VK3BG's figure of 40 ohms may well be good enough.

However, if you reverse one feed, the impedances come to new values, over 100 ohms, and hence it is better to reverse direction by transferring the main line to the other end of the 1/8 wave jumper, rather than to reverse one of the branch lines which is what was so often done.

We have published a number of articles on it over here in England, and there has been a good deal of argument and many unsuccessful attempts to get one going. There is no doubt, however, that it is a powerful little unit, and if users will stick to some arrangement which has been made to work correctly, keeping to the right types and lengths of feeders, as for example, those offered by Roth Jones, VK3BG, they will be successful.

TRADE NEWS

On the 1st May, 1952, Philips Electrical Industries of Australia Pty. Ltd. shortened the title of the Company. The correct name is now Philips Electrical Industries Pty. Ltd.

BOOK REVIEW

Philips' "Radio and Television Manual"

We have received from Philips Electrical Industries Pty. Ltd. a copy of their new publication, Philips' "Radio and Television Manual," price 59/-.

This manual of 776 pages contains just about everything the Serviceman, Engineer, Amateur and Student could possibly need in the way of information. It is divided into seven sections as follows: (1) Broadcast Reception—theory of the receivers; (2) Broadcast Receiver Technique—receivers and amplifiers in very great detail with special emphasis on the servicing angle, including power supplies of all types; (3)

National Field Day, 1951, Results

This year twelve logs were received, although the contest was not run. It would appear that a considerably greater number took gear out and operated during the Field Day. It is to be hoped that next year the contest will be better supported, otherwise it seems hardly worth while.

The Open Section was won by VK2ASW/P, operating from Mt. Colah, near Sydney. The operators were B. White, VK2AAE, R. Gurr, VK5SRG, and D. Pollard, VK2ASW. The transmitter had 100 watts input to an 807, modulated by a Class B EN7. Power was from three 600 volt generators.

VK4HR/P won the C.W. Section, with 15 DX Contest fame, helped by W. Young VK4VA. A vibrator supplied the power to a 1625 modulated transmitter.

Dipoles were most popular on all bands, Check logs were received from VK4A, VK4HR/P, to whom our thanks go. Several contestants complained of the lack of co-operation from the stations who were busy chasing DX. Let's give the portable boys a hard chase next year.

OPEN SECTION

Call Sign	Bands	Contacts	Bonus	Pts.
VK2ASW/P	40	10	—	225
VK2AHA/P	2	45	50	150
VK4HR/P	4	33	75	145
VK7TSR/P	1	25	25	115
VK4IWN/P	10	25	—	45
VK3JO/P	8	—	—	44

C.W. SECTION

Call Sign	Bands	Contacts	Bonus	Pts.
VK4HR/P	2	10	75	190
VK3AHA/P	2	10	50	77
VK7TSR/P	1	11	25	65

PHONE SECTION

Call Sign	Bands	Contacts	Bonus	Pts.
VK4KS/P	2	50	50	224
VK4TN/P	2	73	25	171
VK3AHA/P	2	35	—	119
VK3LN/P	2	36	25	117
VK3AMV/P	2	37	—	114
VK2AMV/P	2	21	—	87
VK2HKK/P	1	11	—	56

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W.L.A. members are requested to promptly notify any change of address to their Divisional Secretary, not direct to "Amateur Radio."

URGENTLY REQUIRED

The Mobile Radio Unit of the Flying Doctor Service in Queensland urgently wish to obtain a manual of the AR7 Receiver. Their own was destroyed in a recent bush fire.

If anyone can help, would they air mail it to P.O. Georgetown, North Queensland, together with the cost.

Components, aerials and transmission lines, valves and amplifiers, oscillators, ultra high frequencies, frequency modulation, pulse modulation, acoustics; (4) Service to Radio Receivers; (5) Technical Formulae, Tables and Charts; (6) Mathematical Formulae and Tables; (7) Valve Data.

It is impossible to adequately list all the subjects covered in the above sections, but the few listed will give some idea of the ground covered.

A television appendix of 60 pages gives the theory, and possible servicing troubles which will be encountered when television finally arrives.

All in all, this book is a must for everyone who has anything at all to do with radio, be it from the engineering, servicing or experimental angle.

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RELEASE OF 21 Mc. BAND

Following on the Editorial in the May issue of "Amateur Radio" all Amateurs have now been officially informed of the changes in the frequency allocation and the proposed implementation of the new 21-31 Mc. band.

At one minute past midnight on the 1st May many VK stations were heard in QSO on the new band. Current conditions on all bands have been seemingly an all-round "low" with most others having just started on new band. However, it is very early to comment on the possibilities of this part of the frequency spectrum until such time as more Amateurs become active on the band, and other overseas administrations complete their frequency allocations.

During the preliminary discussions with the Department on the release of the 21 Mc. band, Federal Executive requested that the authorised types of emissions on the various bands be reviewed to permit wider facilities.

It is felt that we have only just started of the wider scope in types of emissions permitted in the various bands which we feel will open up yet wider fields for experimentation.

1952 FEDERAL CONVENTION

Over the Easter recess fourteen official delegations and observers—representing every Division of the Wireless Institute in each State of the Commonwealth—sat in conference at the 1952 Federal Convention held this year in Sydney.

By courtesy of the directors of Associated Newsprint, Pty. Ltd. and the editor, "Radio & Hobbies," conference room facilities were made available for the Convention in quiet and pleasant surroundings where delegates could concentrate on the details involved in some seventy-three agenda items of general interest, news, and a review of policy matters arising from previous Conventions.

Douglas Vaughan Wilson, VK5VW, and observer, John Moye, VK5JU, ably represented the New South Wales Division in the discussions over the release of the amateur bands. Federal Executive and some of the Divisional representatives were later entertained at the private residence of Vaughan and John where the hospitality was both spontaneous and sincere. An excellent display of equipment was demonstrated, especially in both stations, in addition to which a pleasant hour of high fidelity reproduction from micro-groove discs was enjoyed at John's home.

Charlie White, delegate from Victoria—with Len Jackson as observer accredited themselves well to their new environment and returned to their Division happy with the knowledge that they had carried out the wishes of the members in their Division.

Athuri Burton, VK4FE, delegate from Queensland, not satisfied with the job he was doing for his Division during the first two days of the Convention, really "got down to it" on the third and fourth days after Ron Hugo from away out west demonstrated how to energise the human mind and body by hypnosis and meditation. An excellent example of the ability to witness Ron at work in this intriguing study of the control of the human mind, went full marks to Arthur for the sporting fashion in

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SILENT KEY

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of—

VK3ZJ—Jim Salmon, 28/4/52.

which he co-operated as the "subject" in letting Ron demonstrate the art of hypnotism to others.

The delegate from South Australia—John Bulling VK5XXX—ably assisted by his observer, Jack Coulter, VK4AJD, did some heavy debating on behalf of their Division. John, quietly spoken but forceful, was first introduced to Convention proceedings last year when he represented the Division of Tasmania. However, Jarvest with the v.h.f. responsibilities in his Division, made short work of the agenda items dealing with his pet subject.

Ron Hugo, VK5WV, admirably represented the Western Australian Division at his first Convention. As usually, he was the first to procedure adopted by VK4 and VK5 is purely coincidental and has no relationship with the hypnotic spell under which Arthur fell at the mere swing of a key-chain! Mind you, all three hypnotic businesses were conducted during off-conference-hours and there was plenty of witnesses to see that Ron and Arthur couldn't pull off any coup between them.



W.I.A. 2nd ANNUAL FEDERAL CONVENTION

The 22nd Annual Federal Convention of the Wireless Institute of Australia in session in Sydney during the Easter holidays. Left to right: Miss Grey (Official Stenographer), Max ZJS, George SJU, Vaughan JVW, John SJU, Charlie JAUP, Len Jackson, Arthur 4FE, John SKN, Jack SJU, Hon SKW, Bob TOM, and George JAG.

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The QSL Bureau for Luxembourg is located as follows: *Réseau Luxembourgeois*, 40 rue Travers, Luxembourg.

Pleased to make acquaintance with Bill Horner, VK1BKS, who passed through Melbourne on the way back from Macquarie Island at end of April Bill, who looked well and carried the full complement of hirsute adornments, expects to resume on the air shortly after the call. VK1BKS' present whereabouts at Macquarie Island include VK1LEM, F4E, Machine-xx-diagram of Mc. house, Hob Gurr VK1RKG-xx-VK1LNG, and VK1IRB Roy Arnall. Their sojourn at the Island extends until April, 1933. Bill VK1BKS has 1500 cards printed and will make an attack on the back log shortly after

A new Radio Association has been formed among Amateurs in Holland under the name of "The Dutch Society of Radio Transmitters," which means Dutch Society of Radio Transmitting Amateurs. It has its headquarters at Box 50, Groningen, No land. The President is PAOHN, and the Secretary is FASGMN. The society, which restricts itself to transmitting Amateurs, is according to the V.R.Z.A. "to the existing society, V.E.R.O.N. (composed of the pre-war transmitting society 'V.I.R.' and the post-war society 'V.E.R.O.N.') separated out to be a society of E.W.L.s, the members and professionals of which transmitting Amateurs form only 18% of the total membership, and decisions affecting Amateurs are being made by individuals who are not Amateurs. The new society will not be able to V.E.R.O.N. will "pass out cards for non-members twice yearly and then only against payment." The new body will handle cards for members and non-members alike and the QSL Bureau and

as above
VK3AJF, Kevin Brady, of Wollongong, N.S.W., is currently undergoing a radio course at the Melbourne Technical College.
Norm Walding, ZM6AK/ZL1FT, in a short note accompanying QSLs, says he has over 1,000 cards to send out to 45 countries and is literally and actually sweating over the job.
VK4AA asks **VU1JMA** to note that his pictures will appear in the May or June issue.

Belated notice of a QRP Contest conducted between 0500-3300 G.M.T. on May 4, by the R.E.F., has just come to hand. The Contest was arranged to show what could be accomplished with a maximum of 10 watts. Any V.H.F. contact made during the above contest is requested to send his report to the usual R.E.F. address, viz. 13, rue Marceau à Montréal-Beine, France.

To celebrate the 25th year of its existence the Danish Society E.D.R. is conducting Jubilee celebrations. A special contest during May, June and July will be held to celebrate the "OZ Cross Country Award." The award is open to all Amateurs in the world. It consists of a certificate and a plaque. The plaque is divided into 15 districts into which Denmark is divided. Contacts states 1st August, 1947, are recognized and one point is given for a contact on 2.5, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 70, 140, 210 and 310 MHz. Verifications showing contacts with 15 districts totaling 50 points to get the Class 1 Certificate; 20 districts and 60 points earn a Class 2 Certificate; 25 districts and 70 points a Class 3 Certificate; 30 districts and 80 points a Class 4 Certificate; 35 districts and 90 points a Class 5 Certificate; 40 districts and 100 points a Class 6 Certificate.

Memory Plaques. Applications for the award may be sent to OZNU, Borge Petersen, Himmelsgaardsvej 11, Copenhagen, Denmark. A copy of contract should be included together with the cards. The latter will be returned. Fees: Class 3, five international reply coupons; Class 2, two reply coupons; Class 1, one reply coupon. Postage due will be paid by this Bureau. The celebrations will end on 3rd August with a grand party at the palace of Count Moltke. Representatives of many amateur societies are expected to attend.

NEW SOUTH WALES

The Annual General Meeting and the April monthly meeting of the Division were held at Science House on Wednesday, 30th April, with the President, Mr. John Moyle, in the chair. The ordinary meeting night was on ~~Music Day~~ and the hall was unavailable, hence the change. Despite this and the very cold weather, there was a good roll-up, probably attracted by a ~~lecture~~ ^{and} unusual "prize"

The Annual Meeting got away to a prompt start and the minutes were confirmed after some discussion and argument by one member as to whether they were a true and correct record. The President's annual report and balance sheet had been circulated to members with the ballot paper for the election of

Council and the monthly Bulletin. These were not read in detail, but the highlights were picked out by the President and the reports were then discussed by the meeting. The question of financial subscription was dealt with at length and a request was made to the Munster Branch that the matter be re-opened. It was pointed out that nothing could be done to make a further alteration in the subscription rate until next year. Both the President and Vice-President expressed their thanks and congratulated us on our respective reports. Our Honorary Auditor of long standing, Mr Frank Goyen, was forced to stand down owing to ill health and a motion in appreciation of his services to the Division was passed by acclamation. The Auditor was presented to all in his place and is thanked for taking on the task. Scrutliners were appointed and retired with the ballot papers and the Annual Meeting was adjourned pending their return.

The monthly meeting was then opened and the routine business was quickly disposed of. The main item of interest was followed by a lecture on Radio Controlled Aeroplane Models by Mr. G.H. Miles on Radio Controlled Aer. Models. It proved to be a really fascinating subject and was dealt with in a masterly fashion by the lecturer. A combination of aerodynamics, the art of radio modelcraft and aeronautics surely a rare combination. He brought his own model aircraft with 8 ft. wingspan to the meeting, as well as a complete set of radio control equipment, both transmitting and receiving. This particular model had many successful radio-controlled flights and although the flight was small (about 10 ft. off the ground) the action of the control surfaces by means of a small battery operated Tx was convincingly demonstrated. The film was a record of experiments and research carried out by Mr. Miles at the University of Sydney. The University of Sydney Mr. Miles agrees largely in the film which was more interesting and enlightening than any other I have seen. To conclude all the questions and answers period and demonstration would take many pages and one can only hope that someone will be able to persuade Mr. Miles to write an article "Another Model Aeroplane" in the magazine that everyone present was interested in. The lecturer was kept busy by a lively barrage of questions until 8.45 p.m. These were very capably answered. A vote of thanks was moved and carried.

The general meeting was then adjourned and the Annual Meeting responded to, enabling the results of the ballot to be announced. The following were elected to Council for the ensuing twelve months in the order shown:-
D. D. Dunckerton, Lyle H. Vaughan, Fred Phillips, Vaughan Wilson, Harry Powell and Wal Nye. Congratulations are extended to the new Councilors. Wal Nye and Harry Powell were re-elected as Vice-Presidents of the Model Aeronautical Association of Australia and New Zealand. The Federal Councilor, Vaughan Wilson, then gave a brief account of the Federal Convention held in Sydney over Easter. This was enlarged upon by the Divisional Secretary, Mr. J. C. G. Smith. The results of the Rose Hill V.H.F. Contest were announced and general business proceeded until the meeting was closed at 10.45 p.m.

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Very little news from this area due to the inactivity of the zone correspondent and the absence of W4R. Hope you are staying up to date with your work in the country area John WA3ANF, and trust you will soon be back on deck Harold WA3QF has been both a great help in the past and is looking forward to his return. Jim WA3GW heard keeping his traffic skeds on Monday and Fridays, nice work Lyall. Dave WA3EY conspicuous by his absence on the bands during the winter months to WLA, WA3EY is the proud possessor of a 4 element rotary beam and he would be sporadically chasing the elusive DX on 20 m. Bob WA3N a regular on the bands year round, the W4's together with Jack WA3P, Any news from this or any area would be appreciated.

西雅图时报 SEATTLE TIMES

IAAB, ZARY, ZACD, ZAGO, ZAKH and ZAKR were all at the North Coast Convention at Urunga and an excellent time was had by all. ZAUU and ZAUU-2 were also present. Come along, as the times is getting the proud ZAMP is soon to take a trip to Central Australia and will visit SNC we hope, the beam is doing a good job Harry. Heard 2AUW and ZLG on 21.050 with good signals. Jack ZAM is recovering well from his recent operation. ZAZA and ZARA playing with antennae, has a new one up, an "E.L." version of an odd antenna. ZACD has had the beam up at last, trying out the Signal Squisher of years ago with a few modern slants.

the elements are square in form with sides 1 ft 2 in. in length, spacing between the elements is 1 ft. 8 in. at the moment. HALO heard occasionally waiting for 18 Me. to impinge.

The Burwood Radio Club is still meeting at Greenwood Hall, Liverpool Road, Enfield, each Tuesday night. All visitors are very welcome there being something for all. Come along and meet the chaps.

REC will be on 21 Mc. soon, he can at least receive on the band. EMQ heard on 1 Mc. as well as 144. EMQ seen at the last meeting on the Institute, nice to see you all still there. DEXAGX was telling me to him and I still don't know whether to believe it or not. KDX, KIVY, KVI, 2N1 are all heard occasionally working 2A7P. All nice solid signals but no comments on their activities. RDA doing things on 144 and other bands. 2A1P heard locally on 14 Mc. phone after quite a spell. FVX had been working down around 144 Mc. for some time but appears to be much better now, the phone is really good after the module later inspection. 2H2K still after the DX and he gets on to it as well. 2AMP and 2MH have not been heard for some time, must be hibernating some place.

WESTERN ZONE

The main event of the month was the Urangan "Do-It" at which the Western Zone was well represented. Guests were SAMV and Norm from Tasmania, from SAMC EACT, Dubbo, SWM, SAMV and XVI. Many from Forbes. Congratulations to the organisers of a well conducted show. The Hunter Valley gang were again hard to beat. The local gang were also busy with their work hard against us. There has been a lot of movement amongst Hams during the past month and welcomed in Forbes were 3SH and his wife, Mrs. KEY and Mr. Eaglin from SAMV. The latter is staying with SAMV and is putting a lot of pep into local v.h.f. activities. During the month a group of Western and Southern Hams visited Young holding a short amateur convention. Present were SWH, SAMV, SAMP, SAFF, 2GU, STA, STC, SEL and ILM. STA played host to the crowd and Mrs. Thackery did a great job in feeding the visitors. A very nice meal was served. Ham numbers (and there were thirty) Hams at once. The Forbes boys arrived early and visited JAFF, being well looked after by Mr. and Mrs. Page. Before leaving Maitland they stopped off at the local radio shop, SAMV/Mobile and STA, the mobiles were soon howling on the very powerful STA 164 Mc. signals. Stan HY is back at Kaloombe after a long absence. He is VLF 124 active on the v.h.f. bands. STA 164 Mc. was installed in 144 Mc. during their visit from SAMV and SAMF with 164 Mc. gear, they hope to make contact with IWH in Forbes with SAMR and EACT expected on 144 shortly. With the arrival of the new gear, Norm is back in Orange, a selling most of his gear and will be going for a holiday. We hope Norm returns with improved health and gets his 144 Mc. gear going to provide the club with another 144 Mc. member. Sam and SAMF report good progress at Bathurst where he was passing through. IWH is once again marooned on the island or rather the banks for the unpleasent month.

is on the v.h.f.s. B.I.K. building a super converter for 50 and 144, uses about 4 xtal's, has 133 feet of wire strung out so possibly the v.h.f.s. will have a rest. Stan 2LY concentrating on 870 MC hoped to work in Sydney from his rather shielded location. Anzac Day saw a gathering of locals and R.A.P.A. types for the annual meeting at Springfield ZVNN, EXGZV, 2K2Z, 2K2ZB, 2K2XZ, 2K2XZB, 2K2XZC were present at the Golf Club where a general war was conducted until late into the evening. B.E.W. still inactive, works 8½ days a week so no spare time.

FUNKIE BRANCH

Details of the successful Maitland meeting have already been covered in the monthly Divisional Bulletin. Our President ICS represented the Branch at the Federal Convention and carried on this duty in his usual capable manner. Another visitor was the well known Fred Lester, "the Monitor," of the N.Z.A.R.T., who paid a brief visit whilst on his way to Sydney with EKO and XYL. Cliff returned later from New Zealand with the latest visitors, Terence Bill ZAYZ who took ZAHA's portable transmitter on a southern tour. Operating in the zone has been EHL/P and his v.h.f. gang who were up

The Barrington, and AAAA and ZOK will Army Sign at Singlton.
The Hunter gang was present at Uyvings in good numbers and certainly enjoyed themselves. All are most grateful to ZOK and his committee for their efforts on our behalf. We are indeed sorry that due to ill health this was Crier's last year as chief organiser as he has done a grand job for all Nama. Congrats.

to Harold ZANIA on winning Challenger Memorial for 2nd successive year and his 2nd place in Hidden Tree Hunt. Associate Syd Daniels won the Fishing Contest for us with 2½ lb. whiting. Verley ZSY and Ass. Syd did good job log keeping, and combined well to defeat my less successful W.H. In our first contest! Keith ZAMC and family enjoyed their first "Do" as did DGD, XYL and son. This Keith bloke was the larrikin! Stan TUY and Shorty NZH handled the Hidden Tree Associate Len Sparkie and XYL had good time. I am sure "Gentleman" must help to our boys. A pleasing feature was the presence of, and interest shown by our Assistant R.L. Frank Hincks.

Events during the day—Terry Bill 2AEY for transporting us during the "Do".

Events of the day—Errol 2EPF came on 40 & 20 m. Unusual boyz: th. signal tone. Edger 2MRC still a 40 m rx regular. Harry 2AFA now using a 40 m rx folded dipole with excellent results. ERZ will really keen these days and Dave active on all bands. The Barrington effort has been interesting. In fact, I have been active on 144 since Neil busy on AR301 and SCH322 for 2ASZ. He also converted an AR301 for XKT and Bill putting it to good use. Bill JPJ is building a parallel line one for 144. Very pleased

STOP PRESS—SILENT KEY

WEST—WAL RYAN

It is with regret that we announce the passing of Wal Ryan WEST, on 19th May. Wal was Chairman of the Federal Central Committee, a Past Federal and State Secretary, and a Life Member of the N.S.W. Division.

SOUTHERN ZONE

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Max 2OT sighted tapping the light fantastic atop his 50 foot tower without safety belt! New modulator and v.t.o. working well for Bert 2CN. 2AGB is busy on new double conversion RX using 100 and 100 Mc. Ira. Norm 2AAJ has a lot to do and says on 40 with opportunity to offer. Wally Job Norm? John 2PT plans a 100w. of plate and screen modulation utilising existing power supply. At Maitland, John 2XQ was busy by butterflies. Not in his right mind. Vic 2ADK had an unusual cross over on his ASG with the 122 "Bedside Special." It was good to hear Joe 2ANL again putting out a nice signal with his QRP on 40. 2CI has been busy servicing amplifiers. Norm 2YS has been QRT for complete re-build but soon active again.

Notice of Meeting—The June meeting will be held on Friday, 13th, at Technical College, Tighe's Hill. If you have any bright ideas on lectures, etc., let us have them chaps.

SOUTH COAST

VK1AMW (The Wollongong Club) Some of the boys sat for their A.O.C.G. exam and now await the results. The rest of the class will sit for the next exam. The boys will be in the throes of re-building some new gear. Since the Urunga "Do," we have had almost a Wollongong Convention here, having had the pleasure of visits from Bill 2AEY, Stewart 2PL, Alan 2AGZ, XYL and the ever sleek 2AJQ and friendly Crieff 2KO also arrived.

John 2AUB has now almost completed his new rig; by the way, during the heavy rain on Easter week-end, John had the water a foot deep through his house. Don 2AFD has now completed his new rig at the new QTH at Wollongong, and is busy on his brand new Col 2AGZ busy re-arranging his gear in his new shack. The club boys say they are highly honoured by one of their member's XYL (2DYZ), winning such a cherished award as the "Best DXer" in the area. The club received the Bar Bashers Award. Howard 2AMD has finished his separate finals for 40, 20, 10 and 6 which looks very impressive, also his vee beam, and can be heard working DX. John 2AIB is doing good work at the club station 2AIB, and has been almost every evening, up in about a week to be on the air on 40 and 20 on his rig at his QTH. Jim 2AGX can be heard each evening working 40 with a mighty fine signal and getting good QSOs. Jim after such a long illness.

NORTH COAST ZONE

The major event for the North Coast Zone was the Urunga Convention, held over the Easter weekend and proved to be an overwhelming success. Lots of acquaintances and friendships were renewed and many long rags chewed by all. One notable fact is the number of associate members present, and no doubt the benefited from seeing the array of gear and chatting with the operators of same.

ZAPB, of Tamworth, had a most fascinating piece of apparatus with him, namely a 2 mrx absorption wavemeter. On being asked to show his association gear, Fred with a report he had a bright idea with him. The purpose of the wavemeter, according to Syd, was to absorb some 2 mrx sigs and take them back with him to Tamworth where he could listen to them at his leisure.

Craig 2ADY after the strenuous work involved in the smooth running of the Convention, is having a well earned spell, and has been heard from numerous shack in the Sydney area. After three conventions, Crieff has been restricted to coming down to the "Do" on the assumption of what he is doing as his health is not 100%. Rod 2ACU is going to do the labours next year, and we wish him every success. Quite a lot of 2 mrx activity is taking place on the NSW coast, and no doubt more publications have been made. The latest addition to the v.h.f gang is Jack 2JK from Cofts Harbour, who proposes to do a lot of portable work from high points in the district. Terry Bill 2AEY is visiting the South Coast and may bring news of Col 2AW.

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2PL at Canberra heard on 40. Les is in the process of improving his Collins Rx. Still not 100% since his accident. Jim 2AOJ, of Coolamon active on 40 and looking for signals and skeds on 144, using an 833 p.a. and 3 over 3 beam, receiver an AR301.

CALIFIELD AND LAKES ZONE

The highlight of the month was the invasion of this zone by the 2 mrx gang was operating under the leadership of Jim 2AOJ. Their intent was to operate from Harrington Tops at an elevation of over 5,000 ft, but unfortunately lack of suitable roads brought them to a halt a some miles on the wrong side of the peak and about 1,000 ft. below it, in a rocky outcrop. Conditions were weaker than expected and fading was severe. The 144 Mc gang in this zone were pleased to work them and also to hear 2 mrx really come to life when the Sydney boys turned on the beam in the direction of the visitors.

A ready signal on 144 was provided by 2AAA, operating from the Army Camp at Singleton. This station has also been active on 7 Mc. Ken 2ANU has built a cascade c.e. converter for 144 using 8AK3/6E81 zif. 636 meter and 2AF10/6E81 zif. 636 meter. Results are very pleasing. Geoff 2VU hauled the 4 over 4 beam up to the top of the tower and then proceeded on holidays just when the sun started. Major 2RU is convinced that 144 is finally due to get into 800 w. of power. He built a 2AB1 located out for the ASV Rx and mounted the 4 over 4 beam on the back verandah. 2ADT had been in the midst of all the doings.

Cec 2KZ and John 2OA journeyed to Urunga for the Convention. Harry 2XL came out of hiding to work the portables at Urunga on 7 Mc. Mac 2KZ has been heard on 10 m again at week-ends. The month ended with a short visit to 2ADY by the old warrior 2XO who usually comes to the aid of the village. And so one more member has been added to the ranks of those who shake their heads and murmur "How can it work?" If you do not understand this last remark you are obviously not one of that select few. But how it works can be heard by all who care to listen—Sub-Ed.)

VICTORIA

VALE—VKEZ

It is with regret that the Victorian Division of the W.L.A. records the passing of Jim Salmon, VK3ZJ, late of St. George's Road, Epsom. Jim passed away on the 29th April, 1952, after undergoing three major operations.

EDINBURGH ZONE

Ossie put up some lame excuse again and put his assistant to work once more. SIZ is putting out a wallop signal using 14 tubes with Crieff 2ADY as his monitor. Says good old b.o.t.: Peter and John have a BC35 in about 3346 pieces at present, hope to get it back in one piece again soon. It's going to be the full gallon 14 tube double conversion. QRP. QRP. Crieff 2ADY is working 40 mrx daily with much increased power, putting out a mighty signal also. Ron's idea for the shack in his new house seems to include everything and a builder JAHM is experimenting with Wyndham antenae. Ossie's friend has taken about his new rig. 3SS working on a 6 m Rx at present, the Tx is working and is quite a delightful piece of work, if I may say so. His next stop looks like being One Tree Hill. QSL 2ADY has been confirmed by the post office. Incidentally, Ossie's bid for VKE5 fell through for the time being, however he has high hopes for a future date.

Sale is silent again since Bud 2ABP left, what about him? Well, he's been working over the ocean way 2AGP still being heard with the TAJI working better than ever. 2AMY

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does not seem to be able to get the same results from a TA12. JCI looked in on 3650 Mc. one Sunday night pleased to see you Syd. Good roll ups on the hook-ups lately, 10 or 12 stations on is becoming quite common. Will be looking for you we can get on in future the Convention looming up once again. Now here is the date to remember 1st and 2nd Nov. 1952, for the Eastern Zone Convention. Results of the zone field day on 28th April are to be had and winners are as follows Portable Section—JALA 46 points, Mobile Section—SSA 41 points, Combined Section—JALA. Teddy has now won three contests in a row I am a bit suspicious of him, because he has won all three. VJL on 40 with a TA12.

Chas. SWQ put in an occasional appearance on a recent hook-up, he proved very useful as a relay station. JASE knocking off the DX on 20 from East Sale 'drome Don't know how, because I can't hear 'em, my Rx is good!

NORTHERN EASTERN ZONE

This month brought many surprises, to me anyway. JCI has been raising parts to me from New Zealand and had a radio room while his XYL was away. However Doug was a little sick of batchin' when he became real hungry, lassos and his supply of clean shirts ran out. Fast developing into a 40 mc car bushes too. Chas. SWQ, G. SWQ and M.R. were while in the district. The suns pic took the form of a bare raising expedition for JCI. After a considerable amount of time, a rhombic was finally erected after which Sid and his XYL enjoyed a considerable amount of time and relaxation which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Don't know how you organised it Bob. Gang then took leave and went with JCI to the Avenel 'drome where the gear used by them was inspected and the gang jarred with JACW who was on the scene.

JIC about to dismantle 30 mc beam and reassemble it for 16 mc. Thinks he might get it to work better he hopes. JU1 already on the scene with a quiet few contacts to his credit. JCI will discover a friend from VY by saying he had a xtal controlled converter into a tunable lf. for 40 mc, as causal as it were an everyday occurrence. Zone hook-up discussed the next zone convention which looks like being held at Tathra sometime in May. Zone correspondent tendered his resignation but judging by the comments it is not going to be easy to get anyone to accept same.

CENTRAL WESTERN ZONE

We often record pleasant happenings in these notes, one such was a short visit to the zone by the W.I.A. Secretary Russell JSSX. Russell arrived at short notice, but despite this and the fact that the zone secretary could not be found, a quick meeting was arranged. A meeting arranged at JARL's 9TH JACI 3ME and JHL came in from Lubeck and Ca. lawadda and a pleasant evening eventuated, with subjects of wide range under discussion. Russell appreciated the gathering and appreciated the opportunity of meeting him, each, I think, learnt something from the other.

JACI has been pushing on with 144 Mc gear; last heard of Charlie with a 4 element beam up against just about competition in the zone to 3AKW three or four miles away. In the wide flat open spaces of Lubeck v.h.f. signs should get a good kick off. 3ARM has been heard of putting out a good signal on 15 and 7 Mc.

Our "Clamp Tube" expert has now decided his modulation was not as good as it was cracked up to be (despite the 4.6 miles), and has now changed over to normal plate and screen. It is an unusual combination of VHF and HF, however, however, Len still has his troubles. Our nautical operator, one SIQ, when not on the Briny gives the YLs in Ararat a thrill by appearing in full uniform, as JGN reported. He is the first to have a ten year SYWV is at present in the throes of Rx building, and as the second lf. is on 110 Kc. it is not much use throwing hf-hf transmissions at him as the said lf. just chops them off with a sharp clip. The new 100 Mc. gear is JME. Even has just lately obtained his Ham ticket, and should be about before these notes appear in print. Welcome to the very best zone in VK3 GM.

GEELONG AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

During the month of April members showed their interest in the club by good attendances. Some new gear was given away free for members and competition was keen. The money will be used to obtain tools and other pieces of equipment for the club. Three new members were welcomed by members, they were Messrs. T. Blayney, D. Zandbergen and G. Edwards, a more class in being conducted by JIC each week and it is hoped that those taking part will obtain their 'ticket' shortly. The lectures for the evening was Brian JAOI who chose for his talk "Improving the Effectiveness of a Modulator", including speech clipping, compression and limiting.

QUEENSLAND

This month, messieurs, I hardly took a trick nosing for news. Spoke to President 4VJ and Secretary 4PF about the matter and asked them to refer it to the next Council meeting, but all I got was the cliché responses, "now not interested". Here are the circumstances, words "You don't get paid for it, but no news and you'll get flogged for it." So they think. They haven't seen me over the past three weeks down at Snowy Hill's Gymnasium, sparing with Eley Bennett and Len Dittmar.

APRIL MEETING

Starting promptly at 8 p.m. and winding up after a good get-together "chin-wag" around 10.30 p.m. the April meeting was held at the usual rendezvous, Institute of Engineers' Rooms, Wickham Street, Valley, and proved quite interesting. The attendance, however, was not up to our usual standard. The first part of the meeting was taken up with a discussion of VK4 Contest activities, and if the keen interest shown can be taken as a criterion of how much success will attend our local contests, members of the Council Committee will be congratulated on their efforts in making the next VK4 Intrastate contest likely to come from 4PF, 4NG or 4AW. All have high scores. 4FE, 4PN, 4VZ, 4KP, and 4CC all participants in Sunday night hook-up. Relying on the 4VZ, 4PN, using only 7MHz and a temporary antenna "bowls" a nice 14 Mc. phone sig down here around 10 p.m. Herb 4ES still inactive, Urunga prize for longest distance travelled Ham went to Harold, DOO.

4HR consistently QSOs Len 3LR at Kyogle. Neutralisation trouble would put another further in the foreground of 4KZ Mc. 4ZL has been having some trouble with his antenna, trying to build a new rig, battleship style, is 4ZL. Better let us know when you crack the bottle over your Vic 4NG has a 40 mc converter that can't be beaten. Would like a circuit of same. Chas. CHAN is more occupied on 14 Mc. phone than at Council meetings. Jack 4PJ and Mon 4NL both too busy with QSL cards to come on the air. Still doing grand job as master of ceremonies in Mc. country hook-up is Tom 4KZ, and his wife and son are up here now. 4KZ when he visited me the other evening after his South Coast holiday with family. Must say he saw Sam 4CZ few days ago with a really troubled look on his face. Tom 4KZ and his wife are problems down at the same house—trying to stop Brisbane and environs from becoming as black as Egypt when Moses blew the gas out.

CLARE'S CORNER

Gordon 4KG has installed a tape recorder and gives it to his other fellow ham friends. The tape is shining brightly, and the birds are singing merrily—not in the trees—but on the folded dipoles at 477's place. He has a farm of 'em, one in every direction. He got a shock when he came through the VK4 in Germany when he came through the door of his beam. Maybe he was coming in over the long path Aussie! Would like some news on 50 and 144 Mc. doings, so what about it, Russ 4PN, or BUU 4RY?

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TOWNSVILLE ZONE (BY 4EW)

So far this month band conditions here have been far from good, and as indicated by the prediction charts, lucky is one to find an opening in the desired direction at a convenient time. Band openings to any particular country are of extremely short duration and much time must be spent in listening to take advantage of any DX offering.

There's no doubt about the success of the VK4 Instrastore Contest, it has certainly stimulated interest in VK4 and VK5 areas. One of hiding places have come chaps and again put their call signs on the air instead of allowing them to sleep soundly in the sign book. Only small hint is that there are only three Townsville stations on the air. Who would give one for the old times? Then, in this zone alone, nearly 50 points could have been amassed for contacts on three bands. Have even heard some of the Dennis boys using 3.5 Mc. to baffle us. Alas, most of those that are A.N.G. in the city is drilling the locals to work him on all bands. You're a bit unlucky Bob they do not have 50 Mc. gear.

After an absence of eight months, 4RU is back on the air. Can you again on Good Friday. Why the change. Wallah, the living grass too tough for the little while hall after the recent rains? Since moving from the high tide area to a flood area QTH, 4W1 is still mud. The place has been bought by a racing car boy full time to drive my a contest point on 14 Mc. 4DE has nine plus carrier but weak modulation. Suggest you hot up the audio Jock. Should mention that if you're working the 4W1-Palau (Papua New Guinea) don't forget to count him as a new country. Was put wise to this by KXCDN on Truk in the Eastern Carolines. Another item-Japanese noms are on the air with J prefixes. Have you seen the news? Well, if you have, someone has lifted or someone is beating the gun. Wonderful is the 14 Mc. two element beam at 4W1. Still more wonderful, are the results it can get. Someone work that one out for me please.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

PRO 5PS

The Annual General Meeting of the South Australian Division was held at 17 Waymouth Street, on 8th April, to a good attendance of members and the interest taken in the business proceedings, proves that the local position of the total membership are very interested in the way the Division is being run by their Council, but the number of votes cast for the Ballot for Council makes one wonder if there is not some dissatisfaction in the air. If the average member is perfectly satisfied with the job the previous Council has done.

It would appear from the results that the latter view may be the case as the present Council was returned with only one member from the State. The new District Director was outvoted by Reg SRR, the remaining Counsellors; Hal SA1, Gordon SXU, Warwick SPS, Joe SJQ, John SKX, Ross SAJ, Jack SJD, and the Past President, IMD, are to carry on for the next three years in the same capacity. Tom SII, presented his report and showed the Division as being in a sound financial position, this has only been accomplished by the tight handling of the finances and correct budgeting for expenses. The year Tom was presented with an electric clock as a token of appreciation from all the members of the South Australian Division and it was with genuine pleasure that we said "Good-bye" and wish him well in his new position as Postmaster at Renmark. We do hope that your enthusiasm will infect the local Coroners in that District enough to make him again an active and much sought after station. After all, Hobie there are other things besides being tough on the local "Bobos."

The retiring President presented his report for the year, covering the activities of the Division for the last twelve months. Appreciation was conveyed to the various features which gave up their time to present more instructive evenings. Thanks were also conveyed to the firms and Government Departments who made visits to their respective places of possible interest. The Sub-Editor, Mr W. Parsons, in the writing of the notes for the magazine and for his weekly effort in the daily paper. How does our open week end go? In case any body might have the idea that the regular personage is putting himself on the back just a little too much, let me assure you reader that this month "Tubby" is on holidays and is probably still in bed. There is also the word in the rumour from VK6 that he is a grandfather yet, back to the meeting again.

The President thanked Hal Austin for his weekly broadcasts from SWI, the Magazine

Committee in Melbourne for their sterling work in the production of the magazine, the Exhibition Committee for the magnificent work in putting SWI on the air from the Royal Adelaide Exhibition and the Ray Station; Clem SGL, GRL, SLW, and SHD, whose help transmissions would not have been received.

He pointed out to the members that the Division has an Oscilloscope, Philicope, Modulated Oscillator and for the member confined to hospital, a Type 3 Mark II. Transceiver. All of these instruments are available for members to use, for their own benefit. The letter of thanks received by the Council from one member, who borrowed the Type 3 for his sojourn in hospital, was ample reward for those who made this present equipment available, but not least, the thanks of the members for the services given to all officers during the year and urged that the younger member should accept some responsibility in the running of the Division, following his services for the many and varied jobs that have to be done.

The SCA in their well chosen words, thanked the President for his work during the last two years. John SKX, the delegate of this Division, went through all the Convention items, to seek approval from the meeting for the use of the word "South Australia" at 11 p.m. and the close attention that was given to all business matters augurs well for the forthcoming year.

A blitz was held recently in this city on Jay walking, and who should come out of the "Blitz" but a round rotund figure, who promptly declared all the laws that had been laid down that day, and calmly proceeded to cross the road at an angle of 45 degrees. If I had had only one witness to this, I would have had a fit.

The playboy of Kingwood is in his news again, with bow-tie and all. There is no truth in the rumour that the "Prop" will revolve if you say "contact." South Australians appear to be very belligerent these days; why was the "bow-tie" mentioned? He was seated at the Convention table and in front of F.E. too, and did those two on twenty mix the other night, make some interesting listening, hardly the band to have a dog-fight on. Why don't you all come along? You can call each other what you like there.

It is rumoured that Reg SRE is to be the next Secretary of this Division. If this be so, we have no better man for the position. His handling of the Exhibition Committee was excellent and his knowledge of the radio you meet. My spies also say that Jim SFO will undertake the duties of Treasurer. Jim's vocation is that hard worked body of men (the South Australian Public Service) and you Commonwealth guys seem to him well suited to the position and it is pleasing to see at least one of the younger Hans willing to do his bit. Heard one senior member of the Commonwealth Dept. on the air one night, working a local call two but I was fearing I was too late and I was able to know who he was without him announcing it! One familiar voice there turned out to be none other than that grey headed old coot, Freddy SAH. How nice to hear you on again.

Many and varied were the comments made upon the various operators from the Royal Adelaide Exhibition. Some were scathing, others full of praise, which only goes to show that it is impossible to please all the people all of the time. My own views were that the boys did a magnificent job, they gave up many of their spare evenings to keep the station on the air—and that's a lot more than you guys who criticised, did.

Reg was writing from Kupar and Men Cahill at Cape York and doing some work 228 Mc. at Easter by establishing a two-way connection, a distance of 100 miles which is a record for this State. VK1RKO Bob Gurr (ex-SMG) advised that he is getting married on 15th May and will have Tx's modulated simultaneously on 80 and 144 Mc. and would appreciate reports should he be heard in Australia.

Upon enquiring from Mrs. "Pansy" as to whether she and her husband had had nice holidays, we were informed that she had a wonderful time, a long drawn sigh, I remarked accompanied it sounded like a second honeymoon!!!

SCH is still out in the country and has yet to get on the air; Claude has, during his enforced holiday off the air, been catching up with his QSL cards. In his new home he unfortunately is without power so to this means that Stuart's equipment is also resting. SJA is finding that married life takes a lot of his spare time and John has yet to be heard on the air. SFT is still finding time just around the home to enable him to get on the air, but John is still hoping. SKU has not been sighted for some time. STW having an occasional contact on 40 mc., but Tom is also having a quiet time. To conclude this report of fever-

ish activity on the part of the South East gang. I can only say that SKJ apart from a few skeds on 40 mc is also quiet, although Col tells me that he hopes for better news next month.

SDF is now pretty well settled down in his new QTH at Port Lincoln and found that it was a good location, a mile or so from the d.c. to a.c. but it is well worth the trouble. SLE has just finished erecting a "dual dipole" rotary beam for 30 mc and Pat has built all the rare DX much easier. SVJ busy building some more antennas and is looking forward to getting on the air again. SSVY put up a ground plane antenna and Dougal is reving about it (or should it be raving, period?) he only wants three more countries to make 100 on C.W., so I think we will do the trick for him.

SWV has been having trouble and John has been conducting all sorts of tests with Brian SCA to find the cause. SDP, who last month reported as using the roof as a ground for his ground plane antenna, has now given it up and is using an antenna pole. SDP is interested with the results. SRY has been on the air several times of late and has also built up a c.r.o. which apparently is the goods. SSL has left Bendigo to live in Adelaide and Lauri will be moved to another town and I am told of Lauri's personality, extreme good nature, and unbridled energy in all things radio cannot be replaced. The gang wish you all the best, "activities". It has been made known since his moving into his new QTH and Fred proudly boasts three contacts. The gear is not set up properly as yet but here is hoping.

SSL has not made the air as yet since arriving at Renmark, but by well using chosing some very electric interests and much of which it is said to be the telephone exchange. Tom is living next to the Police Radio Station, so I expect that he is walking the straight and narrow these days. SRE is also QRT because of telephone interference and is thinking of petitioning the High Court or something. "Hobby" is also having trouble with his 300 ohm feedline breaking off at the antenna joint or somewhere. Rumour has it that another Harry is to be heard on the air again prior to 1951 as is considering making a comeback. Eddie Kelly is the name, and for all I know he may be on the air now. A working visitor this month to Bendigo is Alex SBG and he expects to be there about 10 days. He is a builder and is still building gear, some of which works and some of which doesn't. Harry seems to be in good health although still burdened by that Leg-thing.

As last I am getting something out of Pansy SPS for nothing. In the mail today I found an invitation to his daughter's coming marriage to associate member Robert Turner. Just think of it, food and drink at the expense of boy! Wait a minute, I am in his handwriting at the bottom of the invitation. "Please Bring A Basket." Well I give up. The cheek of him.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Most heartening feature of the past month has been the re-appearance of communications from my spy-ring. And this is just as well for conditions on the 7 Mc. band have severely hampered my investigations (so speak), but pronounced by some my friend is as follows. Conditions don't seem to have stopped a certain well known denizen of 40 however for he succeeded in working a Yank (phone v. c.w.) and says he has a witness to prove it. He will do the W. copied his phone OS but heard him D/F copy the (censored).

Normally, when I receive a letter with a window in front and an "u" not delivered" notice on it suggesting it came from Treasury Office, I always assume it is a tax bill or black Humburg and spats put them on and go for a walk to the Post Office to re-post the epically marked "not guilty" or "not known" address. The one dated April 29, a copy of which was sent to me, I was very sorry to hear you, too, was the exception to my opened and learned to my great joy that Tokyo Rose, Saigon Sally and Korean Kim will henceforth have 50 Mc. less of our 10 mc band to pinch; due to the fact that the Post Office was incensed by the release of the 21 Mc. band which, like the change-over from dc. to ac. at this QTH, was long looked upon as one of these band-wranglers who would use the eyes but never harm the quality. My first listen on 21 on May 1 revealed nothing but sundry f.a.k. commercial code stations going "prrr, prrr, prrr, prrr" by the hour. May 2 revealed much the same but with the addition, May 3, of a band with signals from every direction (VIFs were on but not logged here) and some ZLs. It was worth a guinea a box to hear confirmed phone calls "CQ CQ" or "e.w." and hearing values for "All is calm" etc. Incidentally, amongst the c.w. logged there were some good notes and some that were definitely "p.u." One ZL I heard sounded like a keyed power house. Among the VKs not heard but

being called and worked were 6DJ, 6WV, 6MIR, KLU and 6KU. I heard one VKS calling a VRS on c.w. but don't know whether a QSO resulted. Mal EMU reported to me later that he had heard that some of the Eastern VKS heard South Americans on 81 and that one at least worked a V.V. By the time the band had gone down we were here in Geraldton and the sole occupants were the aforesaid "prpp, prpp, prrr" merchants.

Spies and Otherswise.

They tell me Lou SHR has now moved up and sits up in his boat ways tall and points to where the DX is when Lou pushes the button. Lou bought a disposal batch of post-holes, connected them in series and installed them in the backyard. Now he has a most comfortable chair and a ground like a comedian's trick walking-stick (when adjustments, etc., are in progress) and then shoots skyward for action. Lou put an ad. in the "The Situations Vacant" column recently for a qualified lift-driver to work the crane.

Eric 6VM, who is Harry Lime squared (ninth man to you, co-opted in Council) has been putting down yards and yards of piping and the like around town. He tells people it's for the benefit of lawn and trees, truth is he's working on a new theory of boosting low-angle radiation by means of keeping the ground wet. It's another to have the beams down at the same time without having the ground galvanised. Still more beam news this time re 6LJ. I remember the first Ham tower I ever saw was in Jack's backyard in Vic. Park years ago (prior war) now he has a massive mast mounted 40 ft. high. As yet he is undecided as to whether a three, four or five element will adorn it. My spy's comment is "they all work, Jack, only some better than others".

"Twenty" produces some rare calls at odd times and a recent surprise was 6WS, 6NC and 6AU all in a three-way. Should be more of it, chaps 6LJ has just returned from the land and is back again. Bert (the skipper) is still a child on the boat. I wonder how?". Clarrie called on 8MK and bent elbows with Bert who arranged skeds with VKS but they didn't click. Did you visit that far-north? Bert's son Clarrie has been working there for two months to visit VKS 3, 4, and 5. Presumably noting the fabulously watertight now being worn by at least one citizen of VKS. Bert put on 1½ stone but says it wasn't much trouble living—cost \$6. a bottle, puts cover charge plus—anyway, he says it wasn't worth it.

My visitors to Perth (this has to be written in anticipation) were expected to be in Perth attending a Flying Doctor Convention, and 6WD down from the Golden Mile on vacation. Leo of 6LC has been around the lower portion of the State recently but is now back home again. Albany, Buntbury, Manjimup, etc., were the itinerary and maybe others I don't know about.

There's been an outbreak in the "T" section of the call sign department, 6TK, 6TR and 6TY all being recent arrivals on 40, all well known chaps. VK6XK/VK6PQ has bobbed up on 40 and some of the lads worked him but I only heard him once and had no luck when I called him. "Skipper" 6WS has been on occasionally, still with that little portent of the 6ZK 6ZL 6ZM.

6QA from Fremantle has been heard and worked a few times lately and it sure is nice to hear again, Bill. If you could persuade the met. man to make a balloon available you could put up a wonderful vertical long-wire—provided you could get a piece of wire that long.

Regulars (more or less, conditions permitting to hear them) on the 7 Mc. band include 6LH, 6LG, 6DJ and 6WV. 6WV is either a 40 or 30 m. man and I think he comes and goes a lot. 6LH and 6LG are city and country, pop in and out with astounding suddenness. 6M. gets a little attention—very little attention—now and then but usually only from the regulars. 6MC, 6WV and 6DQ are known to be used "eighty" so far this season. As for Geraldton—deals well there seems to be nothing. Haven't heard on either Eric or Bunny for ages so don't know what they are plotting. I think I've over a meal in a local hash-house and got on the soap box probably about the loss of 50 Kc. from 40 and 30 m.—but as far hasn't got his gear up from Perth, so what can he say?

As for myself I'm not certain that between the time I write this and you read it (you do, don't you—aren't you? Answer me, someone!) As I was saying, by the time this appears I hope to have my 2 m. rig up and working, been waiting for since 1947 and just you can't guess how long for the day when I can have the shack full of power transmitters purring away contentedly on fifty cycles. Excuse me, I must go now the XYL has just reminded me I have not finished converting the h.c. Rx. See you next month.

TASMANIA

The monthly general meeting for May was held at the usual location, with President TOM in the chair. A fairly representative gathering was assembled, the number increasing somewhat as the evening progressed, by the addition of a few late-comers. Main business consisted of a summary, by the President, of the results of the recent Federal Convention, included therein, of another amateur incident which occurred during the visit. Incidentally, Bob, one or two members view with a certain amount of scepticism, the bona fides of the said incident, and vote of appreciation for Bob's able representation was proposed by VLF, and passed with acclamation.

The meeting closed with what I can now recall the "customary" auction sale of surplus radio equipment. Quite a few absolute bargains changed hands. As I see it, if you are looking for something good, equipment cheap, cannot afford to miss out on the monthly meetings.

Seen at the meeting, succumbing to the "garage atmosphere," was Roy THE frogman. I trust the word goes that the gear back home Reg, will do the right thing and advise all N.W. members to fit an additional shunt across their S meters. I am sure that persons who had been shunt my own 5 m. because I seem to remember TOM purchasing a couple of wicked looking "bottles" that cheer.

A cordial welcome back to VK7 land is extended to all visitors. Harry, our manager, to understand that knowing who was recently 3CN now has his old 1CH call sign back, and whilst at the time of writing, I do not know anything of his proposed activities, we trust that he will shortly be back with us and the bands in the near future. Once again—greetings, Showy. We are listening for you.

I guess that by the time this appears in print, most members will have adapted themselves to the recent band changes, and the mutterings of "what's next?" will have stopped. 40 m. will have died away to a faint murmur. The general consensus of opinion seems to be that the new 21 Mc. band will be a well worth-while addition—given time. One certainly could not expect it to be as popular as 40 m. is on the other bands at present. Athol 7AJ has been set up for 21 Mc. operation right from the start and is patiently waiting for others to follow suit. I hope that it is not as lonely as I once found 10m. in the past. Athol.

Another highly successful 144 Mc. Field Day was held on Sunday, 19th April. The hidden Tx, operated by 7AJ and TDD, proved too elusive for most, but was found by ZLE first, with TDD walking second. Honour has it that Joe is most anxious to have the record broken and leave room for the next Field Day, so if anyone can help would they please come forward. The hidden Tx was located in the Snug area and when all wanderers had assembled there was a great deal of fun and games and off another enjoyable outing. Fortunate members who travelled in 144 Mc. equipped autos found the trip home very much enlivened by ear to ear QSOs.

Another welcome addition to our membership list is Tom Ward, 7BW. Tom has been licensed for some time now, but home-building activity has precluded active interest in Amateur Radio. However, I think everybody is well under control now as what went first is the big rigs Tom, in preparation for the next R.D. Contest.

TRM is now the happy owner of a 40 ft. pole and is finding the improved signal reports most gratifying. A 2 m. antenna should perform well from the top of that mast, Rupe.

Another interesting addition to the club is a revived 2 m. interest, now has a converter working very nicely on that band. 7AZ, with a converter under construction, and further plans for a Tx should be showing up soon. Don't be too long though, as the 2 m. band is getting other white of the fever, and has a 144 Mc. Rx well in hand. Dave 7DH has just about eliminated all of his 2 m. re-build worries.

Commencing Friday night, 9th May, and continuing through Saturday night, the Amateur Signals Radio Club proposed to operate TRM between 2000 and 2200 hours approximately. Bands used will most probably be 40 and 30 and all calls will be welcome.

NORTHERN ZONE

As this month sees our worthy zone correspondent, TXW, on holidays in VK3, all claims for libel and other damages should be sent direct to TXW. It is quite common these days I penned these notes, so please excuse any omissions. The April meeting of the zone, held in the Trades Hotel, was well attended and those present heard a very interesting talk by TPF on cascade conversion for v.h.f. Some few points of interest were raised and explained and much information gained by all. One adven-

tage of having TPF as lecture officer is that if the lecturer fails to turn up, Peter takes over himself—good work.

Doings of the gang, as always, many and varied ranging this month from building big-aerials to the public to the public to the public into footballs—the culprit in both cases being TAM. Les is a man of many parts, but I do wonder what the effect would be if he did his activities mixed. Would his fun-for-all approach be good? Who would want to kick a goal? TLF at the moment on holidays and will no doubt come back full of new enthusiasm and ideas for 144. Has the re-vamping of a Command Rx under way as a tunable IF system? I wonder if Peter will dash off to dash off in a hurry to Flinders Island recently to repair the aeroadio station, doesn't even have time to stow a Rx in the hip pocket.

TG is working on 40 and building a super-duper rig for 144. He has the DXing on 30 and I believe has erected a WBJK for that band. Try v.h.f. Ken and really work them. Here at TRK the v.h.f. bug still doesn't bite apparently. A brief account on 30 m. made no, still no contact on 144 m. I wonder if DX still remains after the somewhat one-sided clashes with old man ionosphere. TCA has cleaned the bugs from his phone on 40 and can be heard frequently from it. The last time we were on 144 in a big way there took flight and bolted to VK3 till the racket dies down. TLY wearing that harassed business man expression which probably accounts for his absence from the airwaves. I wonder how that is making his second million these days getting back on the air so we can expect him any day now.

Had information from Associate Ferne Crawford that TBS is having a great time in Gland and are looking for other places of interest. Best news for the month, for me at any rate, was the acquisition of 31 Mo. and had lots of fun from 1st May onwards watching the band take shape. Have not as yet heard any of the locals using it yet.

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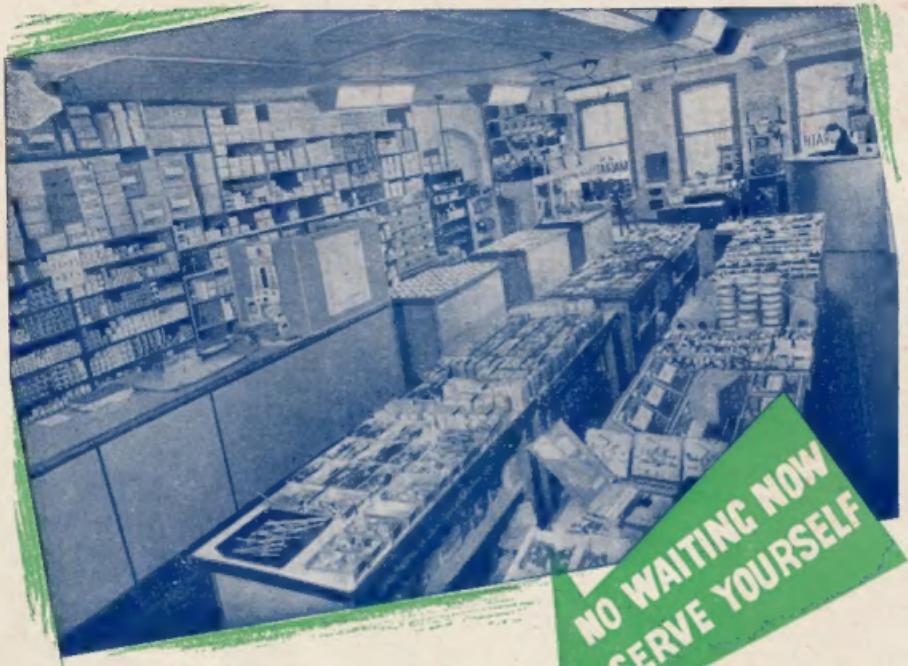
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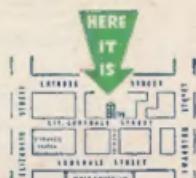
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